CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	stil_1360982287_1481049_2.png
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1700112.010
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	13 April 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	13 April 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. It is an explicit photograph of the sexual abuse of a young girl, the sole purpose of which is the arousal of people with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages and perpetuates this interest. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children be banned and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.